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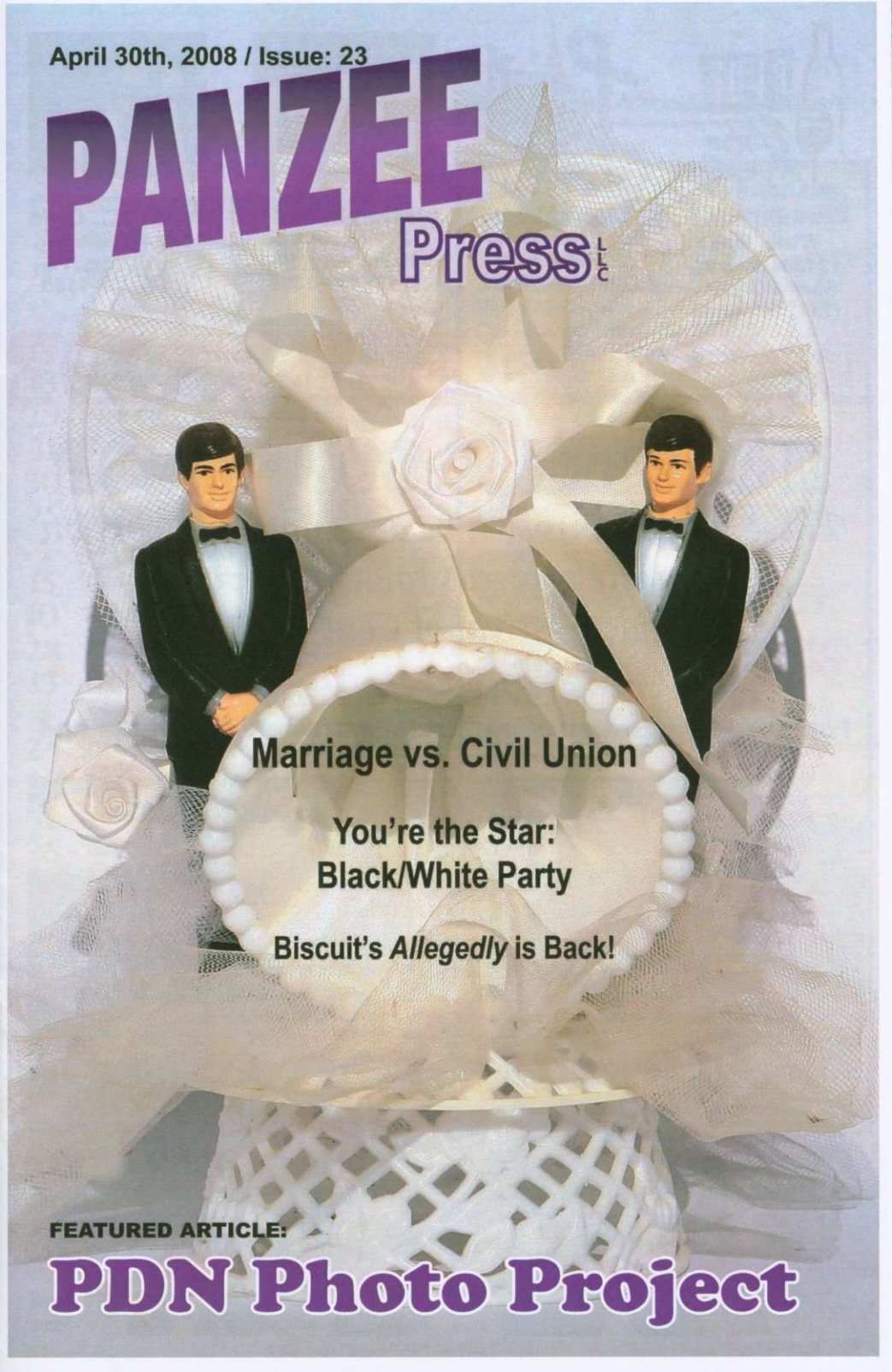

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GOOD FOOD, GOOD TIMES AND A GOOD CAUSE

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Equality Advocates Pennsylvania
formerly the Center for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights

May 5: Rally for All Families Harrisburg - Capitol Building, Rotunda 1:00

Join Equality Advocates Pennsylvania, the Value All Families Coalition and the Faith Coalition for Pennsylvania Families at a rally against the anti-family constitutional Amendment. Last session, the largest LGBT rally at the Capitol was held with more than 400 people in attendance. Equality Advocates goal this year is to have more than 500 Pennsylvanians attend. Legislators and organizations opposing SB 1250 will speak against the legislation and the media will be invited to cover the rally.

All attendees are encouraged to visit their legislators that day. There will be a training session at 11:00 AM to discuss the legislation and visiting your elected officials. The training location will be announced soon -- please visit the EqualityPA.org for an update on the location.

There may be buses or vans from different areas of the state leaving that morning and due to arrive in Harrisburg in time for the training. More information will be on the website as this develops. If you have any questions about transportation, email EqualityAdvocates at info@equalitypa.org.

If you have any questions about Rally for All Families or SB 1250 moving forward, contact Stacy Sobel ssobel@equalitypa.org or (215) 731-1447 ext 11.

Thank you.

Value All Families

Faith Coalition for PA Families

Story Time

DARK FRIDAY

by Joe Gill

... Continued

Will and David took off toward a road which led into a wooded area. Will panted as he spoke into the phone, "Yeah, Will Parker, my boyfriend and I just got away from three kidnappers. One is my ex-boyfriend, Jeff Rendlesham. Get the cops here... I don't... I think.." Running and sweating as they were pursued made the call for help more difficult. "All I know is we're somewhere near Union Deposit. Yeah, I see a sign that says Penn's Manor. Good, get here and..."

Jeff's loud voice was right there. "I trust your call was good, Will". David saw his chance and he picked up a beer bottle and struck Jeff directly in the balls.

The sounds of sirens were almost immediate. They were apparently near the regional police department. Will went over and gave the coup de grace to the man who betrayed his love and threatened to kill his new lover. A swift kick in Jeff's jaw rendered their captor unconscious. In seconds, two squad cars appeared just as Jeff's thugs entered the scene. "Freeze!" The cops ordered as the doors to the cruisers opened. The two accomplices fell to the ground, hands on their heads.

Will and David fell into each other's arms and kissed. David took the dramatic moment to ask what he's been scared to bring up before, "What's your dad gonna say about me? You told me he's,... mmm"

Will silenced David with another kiss. "That's what we're gonna say, David. Right in front of him".

David smiled. "What about your inheritance, what if he disowns you altogether?"

Will knew how important the money was but he had had enough of it after dealing with Jeff. "That's not important now, hon. We have other things, but I'll tell you David Russet, you're my man for life and I'll see to it that my dad's business life is made a living hell if he tries to keep it from us any longer." With that, they both laughed as they held hands and walked toward a nearby squad car to be taken back to their house. ■

Letters to the Editor

I started reading Panzee with your April 2nd issue and I was very impressed. I guess I was expecting yet another fluff rag, but your coverage of the 1250 bill was quite in-depth.

Fabio J. Urbina

4/8/2008: I had a little time to read over the latest Panzee Magazine. You did a great job getting all the information out about SB 1250, the part about who voted and how they voted was especially good. I didn't get a chance to read every part of it yet. But all in all, great job!

4/22/2008: [The April 23rd printing of the PDN Photo Project] is just great!!! Thanks so much! You folks at Panzee really are something! I could never have imagined you could pull that off so fast! I'm flabbergasted

Liz Bradbury,
Executive Director PA Diversity Network and PDN Photo Project creator

Dear Editor:

Thank you so much for your coverage of the pending state Constitutional Amendment, SB 1250, in your April 2 issue. The magazine did a great job of explaining the possible negative consequences for same-sex and unmarried couples in Pennsylvania by limiting marriage and prohibiting civil unions, and possibly much more. It also provided a simple guide to the legislative process. This is critical to educating all Pennsylvanians and hopefully, encouraging them to oppose this legislation.

A member of the Value All Families Coalition, who is also a straight ally, told me that she had read the issue and thought you did an incredible job. Your voice in central Pennsylvania is necessary and appreciated. Thank you for taking the time and space to cover this important issue that could impact thousands of families.

Stacey Sobel
Executive Director
Equality Advocates Pennsylvania.

Send your letter to the editor, or any correspondence to: panzee@panzeepress.com

Marriage vs. Civil Unions

They are far from the same -

By Liz Bradbury

A few of the slides in "225 Same Sex Couples Project" discuss marriage vs. civil unions. We must demand full equality, not a watered down version. They are not the same. The biggest difference is that a civil union only grants the state rights in which it is issued, not federal marriage rights.

Let's take a look at some of the issues at stake here:

Social Security: Under federal law a married survivor gets Social Security benefits if their spouse dies. A civil union grants zero Social Security benefits to the partner.

Immigration: If you can get legally married to a person from another country they can easily become a citizen of the United States. A civil union grants zero immigration rights because immigration is solely a federal issue. If a U.S. male citizen from Vermont falls in love with a Canadian man they can get a civil union in Vermont, but that won't get citizenship for the Canadian partner. He can't stay in this country because they only have a civil union. On the flip side, the man from Vermont can marry the Canadian in Canada and become a Canadian citizen and they can live together in Canada, because same-sex marriage is legal in Canada.

Now consider Military Spouse support:. Say a same-sex couple from New Jersey gets a civil union. One is in the military and she is deployed to Iraq. They aren't married, so there is no federal recognition of their relationship. There is no access to spouse support groups, no medical benefits for the civil union partner, no PX benefits, no family housing when the solider comes home, and no lifetime pension if the solider is killed. Only legal marriage grants those benefits. Under Don't Ask Don't Tell, if that soldier even mentions to a military mental health counselor, their CO, or a military chaplain that she is concerned about her civil unioned partner back home, she will get an automatic discharge. Imagine the pressure to never be able to mention one's partner, when other soldiers are getting significant support for their families back home.

Benefits: It's great that people who work in states that grant civil unions can now be assured that they get health benefits when those benefits are extended to the spouses of employees. But there's still an unequal catch. While they get the benefits, the federal government taxes the employees for those benefits as though the value of those benefits was part of the employee's salary. That can easily cost $1000 a year. Legally married couples do not pay federal tax on spouse health benefits.

Home Inheritance Tax: My partner of 20 years and I own our home together in PA as joint tenants with right of survivorship, and we have all the wills and powers of attorney... but when one of us dies, the other has to pay 15% tax on our home on the day of death, because the state of PA sees us as strangers. That is a huge financial burden and no will or deed can change that. To deny us the full terms of a legal marriage contract means that our family is not protected in the way other U.S. families are protected. There is nothing we can do about it until laws are changed. Yet we stay together because we love each other and are committed to each other without any of the social and institutional help the U.S. government provides other families.

Marriage means equality, civil union means some of the rights. Marriage is one kind of legal contract in the U.S. and civil union is another kind of contract. They are not the same. If they were the same, they wouldn't have different names.

If people still insist that civil union is the same as marriage tell them to ask any opposite sex married couple if they would be willing to give up their marriage and just take the rights and label of a civil union instead.

If you want to give a minority group equal rights... then give them the rights. Just do it. Give them all the rights, not a separate water fountain and a separate classroom and a separate set of laws with a different name. The way to keep a minority in an inferior role is to deny them an equal identity.

We are treated in an inferior way to keep us inferior. Many times we begin to believe that a lower level of rights is all we deserve. Gay people have to remind themselves everyday that equality means believing you deserve equal rights. We deserve legal marriage protections and equal legal rights just like any other family, and nothing less.

The original, complete version of this article can be found on PADiversity.org, the last article of the Civil Rights section.

PDN Photo Project: 200 Same-sex Couples Facing Inequality

PDN PENNSYLVANIA DIVERSITY NETWORK

The PA Diversity Network Photo Project - 220 Same-sex Couples: Facing Inequality (currently with 225 photos), was begun in 2006 on National Freedom to Marry Day (February 12) by PDN Executive Director Liz Bradbury. Bradbury began taking pictures of local committed same-sex couples

National Freedom to Marry prize winning photograph

in response to federal and state political efforts to constitutionally ban legal recognition of same-sex relationships

The laminated set of photos at Unami Quaker Meeting House in Pennsburg.

The Photo Project serves to not only remind the public that same-sex couples in PA cannot marry, cannot get any rights through civil union, have no legal recognition and are legally seen by the government as strangers, but also to put a local face on this discrimination.

"Every time a legislator or a political candidate speaks or votes against equal rights for gay citizens they speak as

Students and community members view the framed Photo Project at Reading Area Community College.

though this group is some faceless "them" in some other far away community," says Bradbury who holds Bachelors of Fine Art and Masters of Fine Art degrees. She sees the Photo Project as a way to show the entire community that many committed long term same-sex couples are living right here in the Lehigh Valley and Berks County, and that anti-equality legislation hurts real people.

"In every venue we've exhibited these photos, viewers have recognized people they know and learned how these friends, neighbors and colleagues have to endure the lack of civil rights that the rest of the population takes for granted. The Project not only shows the couples, but demonstrates that members of the gay community are your neighbors, teachers, doctors, coworkers and your family. We are real people, we vote, we pay taxes and we don't have equal rights," says Bradbury.

The constantly growing Photo Project has both a full set of labeled photos that are projected on a screen and a full set of framed labeled photos to be hung in a gallery setting. Recently a new full set of smaller laminated unframed photos has recently been created for smaller venues. Labels on each black and white photo include the names of each member of the committed same-sex couple, each of their professions, the number of years they have been together and the number of children they have, if any. The label also shows the year the photo was taken. The exhibition (both framed and projected) also includes signs with information and statistics about civil marriage rights and discrimination.

"While the Project is about all types of same-sex couples, regardless of their age and the number of years they've been together, viewers are often moved by the many pictures of older couples who have been together for more than 30 or 40 years," says Bradbury who has been with her partner Patricia Sullivan for 20 years, "and a significant by-product of the Project is that it presents our GLBT youth community with literally hundreds of role models."

Photo Project exhibition venues in 2006 through 2008 have included: Theatre Outlet, the PDN Gallery, Northampton Community College (viewed by 1000s of people), Air Products and Chemicals, Muhlenberg College, PA Poer and Light, Civic Theatre, Reading's Stirling Hotel, Wachovia Bank, Reading Area Community College, Temple Keneseth Israel, Bucks County Community College. It has been included in two TV news broadcasts and a variety of mainstream news articles. A set of the photos is exhibited permanently at Metropolitan Community Church of the Lehigh Valley. View pictures of these venues and a replay of one of the TV news broadcasts on the PDN web site at www.padiversity.org.

Last week, PanzeePress created a new format for this photo-project, which was printed and distributed as a special issue of Panzee. This special issue, run between Panzee's regular bi-weekly schedule, was used to add awareness to PA's Senate Bill 1250, and promote the May 5th rally at the Harrisburg Capitol.

In 2007, the PDN Photo Project won a national photo contest sponsored by the New York based national organization Freedom To Marry, which featured the Photo Project's award winning photo on its web site. The contest's monetary prize was used by PDN to purchase more frames and mats for the Project.

For more information about the Photo Project and to view stats and information about same-sex couples civil rights see the PDN web site
www.padiversity.org - click Photo Project.

If your organization or business would like to arrange to host the Photo Project in your venue or a venue in your area, or if you and your same-sex partner would like to join the project, please call Photo Project creator Liz Bradbury at the PDN offices at 610-432-5449, or email lbradbury@padiversity.org. Couples from the Lehigh Valley, Berks County and other parts of PA are welcome to join the Project.

Each photo is labeled with names, professions, how long the couple has been together, and how many children the couple have.

All photos are by Liz Bradbury.

Over 1138 Federal rights and nearly 700 PA State rights are granted by civil marriage.

Federal Marriage Rights include:
Access to Military Stores
Assumption of Spouse's Pension
Bereavement Leave
Immigration
Insurance Breaks
Medical Decisions on Behalf of Partner
Sick Leave to Care for Partner
Social Security Survivor Benefits
Tax Breaks
Veteran's Discounts
Visitation of Partner in Hospital or Prison

State Marriage Rights include:
Assumption of Spouse's Pension
Automatic Inheritance
Automatic Housing
Lease Transfer
Bereavement Leave
Burial Determination
Child Custody
Crime Victim's Recovery Benefits
Divorce Protections
Domestic Violence Protection
Exemption from Property Tax on Partner's Death
Immunity from Testifying Against Spouse
Insurance Breaks
Joint Adoption and Foster Care
Joint Bankruptcy
Joint Parenting (Insurance Coverage, School Records)
Medical Decisions on Behalf of Partner
Certain Property Rights
Reduced Rate Memberships
Sick Leave to Care for Partner
Visitation of Partner's Children
Visitation of Partner in Hospital or Prison
Wrongful Death (Loss of Consort) Benefits

Rumors in Pottsville, PA hosted the drag show "Ladies of Illusion" on

Ivanna Steele, Rebecca & Dani

Tequila Daniels

Aurora

Mia D'Amore

Aurora Fountain

April 12th

Eddie

Lisa, Tonya, DJ & Darla

Denise, Nikki & Steve

Rumors is nicely situated in the center of Panzee's distribution area, oddly enough, no matter where you are, it will take you just about an hour to get there.

Alicia Deleval

Alice & Denise

B, Chris, Kat, Allison & Louie

The owner, Steve, describes his bar as *"Life Style Friendly"* He has successfully created a place full of diverse and accepting individuals, you're sure to feel welcome and comfortable.

You're the Star at the Black/ White Party Club XS, York PA

Friday, May 2nd 6:17pm,

Step out of your limo, or your rusted 1974 Chevette, and onto the red carpet. Melissa and Joan, or facsimiles thereof, fight the rest of the paparazzi to find out who you're wearing. You're likely in black and white; it could be a tux, a smart outfit purchased for the occasion, or your favorite box-flattering jeans. Mingle with the other guests, meet the rest of your party, run into old friends, and spot that bitch, who until now has managed to remain in a different town since you parted ways. Is that Betty Davis talking with Matthias? Who's that with Judy Garland... could it be Visa D'Kline? Didn't they throw her out?

Once you're sure to have been seen, you make your way into the grand entrance. It's a flower showcase; they're everywhere, flown in from all over the world, coordinated in Philadelphia and New York City, and then brought here, for you, for your big night out with all the rest of the stars. Look at this fabric! It's draped everywhere. Bolts of glitter. Bling-bling. Is this the same Club XS you were in last week? Elegant as all get-out.

You shuffle through ticketing quickly, make your way to a bar... no-no, not the old stand-by, a cocktail, something gay, fruity and luscious, with decorations dangling over the glass. You find your way to the big tent and swoon over the silent auction items. Might as well mark your name down on a couple of items, with a low starting price, you think, being practical. Somebody will surely out-bid you, but at least you've made your mark. By chance, if you do win, all the better. At least one item catches your eye, and it's something you could really use. You'll need to keep your eye on it as the night goes on and ensure you keep climbing for top bid... but of course you tell yourself not to go crazy, a girl does have a budget, you know.

As you peruse the auction items, you take in the various aromas, all the food from so many donating restaurants. Help yourself! Gorge! Umm...no! You don't want to pop out of your outfit. It looks nice, but you do need to suck it in. Instead, nibble here and there, find your old favorites, and try something you've heard of, something completely unknown, or a bite of a friend's recommendation. (Is that what they're calling it now?)

The sights, the smells, the commotion; you hardly notice the sounds. Somewhere, it's hard to say where, is a band playing tunes from the old Hollywood days. Every so often, you recognize one that moves your feet and entices your heart.

The silent auction comes to a close... do you get your favorite piece...??

Move inside where another band has started. Soon the live auction starts. They're actually selling people! Oh, please... who's going to pay for that! You're sure they won't pay if they knew about the rash. Damn, now that one's worth a pretty penny! You wonder if you've got enough money this month, and what exactly comes with the deal.

Then the show! You've been hearing about this for months. These folks have been practicing every week since January. Three separate groups, each with their own production. Are they as flawless as predicted? Are you intrigued? Are you drawn in? Are those your boots that bitch is wearing? Hmmm, and they look better on her. You've seen these queens before, but never after so much organization, choreography, costuming and practice. Wow, speechless and breathless, that was something else.

Finally the big name: RuPaul herself! Well, now that's different, certainly didn't expect this type of a show. You had no idea she could pull off something like that. After her number, though, you wonder where she went. No autograph? No chance for a hello? Can't you get that photo of yourself with RuPaul? Hmmmm, well great of her to come and help raise so much money for HIV/AIDS, and it sure was a great performance.

And still time for dancing.

Art Association of Harrisburg

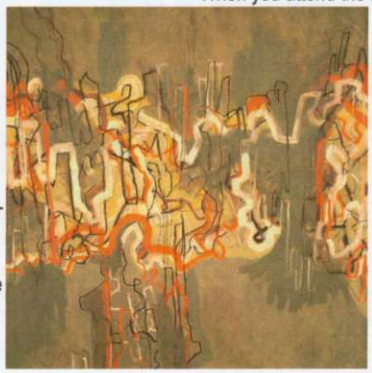
By Carrie Wissler-Thomas

THE JURIED EXHIBITION DE-MYSTIFIED....

The Art Association of Harrisburg will present "The 80th Annual Juried Exhibition," Wachovia Foundation, Corporate Sponsor, on May 10, 2008, at the galleries at 21 North Front Street. The exhibition will consist of 100 varied pieces of artwork by 79 artists from 13 states, selected by juror Nat Trottman, Assistant Curator of the Guggenheim Museum in New York City. The show will open with a gala reception and awards ceremony on Saturday, May 10th, from 6 to 9 PM, and then will run through June 12th.

But just what IS a "juried exhibition"? A "juried exhibition" is an art show in which the entries are judged by a juror (or panel of jurors) invited to serve because of his or her expertise in art, and affiliation with a major art institution which potential entrants readily recognize. In the case of the Art Association's Juried Exhibition, the show has evolved during the past 80 years from relatively modest beginnings into the nationally respected event it is in 2008. In the early days, through 1979, in fact, the AAH Juried Exhibition was only open to entries from the region. Then, when Charles Schulz was Executive Director, in 1980, he decided to make the show a national one by accepting slide entries, rather than the actual pieces of art as in the past.

Judges were invited to come from New York, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and Washington to jury the entries, rather than from regional institutions as in years gone by. One of the side benefits from jurying from slides was that angry rejected artists no longer arrived in a snit at the gallery to retrieve their work! Sending rejection notices via the mail was far preferable. Also, accepting and returning slides was far less labour intensive than taking in the actual works and then weeding out those rejected by the juror. Certainly, slides proved the way to go! Ads were placed for the AAH Juried Exhibition in national artists' magazines, and entries began pouring in annually from artists from across the US, and even from abroad. After jurying and subsequent notification, the accepted artists shipped their work to AAH for exhibition and for prize jurying.



Juror Nat Trottman

A shipping agent was retained so that the accepted artwork could be sent to a warehouse for unpacking and storage, since AAH had no storage space for packing materials nor skilled "handlers" to re-pack entries for return at the end of the show. When AAH acquired computers, computer guru Scott Thomas developed a complex program to record Juried Show entries, print lists of entries for the juror, and then to print the show catalogue. As jurors from nationally known institutions, such as the Hirshhorn, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, MOMA, and the Guggenheim come to AAH to select the work for the exhibitions, they always express their delight at how smooth the process goes!

Last year AAH Curator Terrie Hosey made the leap to accepting both slides and digital images for the Juried Exhibition. Now, artists have the option of submitting their two entries on either disk or slides. Although in its 80th year, the AAH Juried Exhibition continues to evolve. So, for the 2008 exhibition, over 350 entries of artwork were submitted, and Juror Nat Trottman selected 100 pieces for the show. Curator Hosey has notified the artists of their acceptance or rejection, and the accepted works will be shipped to our agent or hand-delivered to the gallery between now and May 1. After all the work has been delivered, the Curator will install the show, and Mr. Trottman will return May 9 to select the prizes. Then, the show opens to the public on May 10th.

When you attend the reception or view the show during its five-week run, enjoying the oils, acrylics, photographs, mixed media works, sculptures, watercolours, and graphics, keep in mind all the months of work that the Curator put into the preparation of the exhibition. A "juried exhibition" is not just thrown together in a week! It's a true labour of love for an entire year...in fact, as soon as the current show opens, the Curator will begin her search for a juror for the 81st Annual.

The Art of the Deal

by boy derick

It is quite possible that I am the last person on the planet to watch The Apprentice. As I watched the discussion between "the Don" and his cohorts as to who should stay and who should be fired, I noticed the way they each brought up the particular points that were personally important to them. Groups chose members for their ability to handle various aspects of the task at hand, aspects that the team leader deemed to be important.

In the BDSM leather community we as well need to learn "the art of the deal." We all have to take responsibility as adults for our actions and ourselves. There is risk involved when you engage in BDSM activity. That's the truth, point blank. What can be done, however, is to minimize the risks.

I am a boy, which doesn't preclude my being an adult. I have common sense, and the ability to decide for myself what it is I am willing, and not willing, to do. After almost twenty years of playing the way that I do, (don't do the math, I was really, really young) I may be willing to engage in activities that others within my own community wouldn't even consider. These are decisions that I will make because they are right for me. Knowing what risks may be involved and minimizing them to my satisfaction is key. Part of minimizing risk is to learn "the art of the deal," or learning how to negotiate the terms of an encounter. I will thereby have a scene, or even relationship, where the risks involved are at a level where I am comfortable.

Knowledge is key. First, learn about the activity as much as you can. You can see safety precautions and procedures in books, the Internet, and demonstrations conducted by reputable groups or organizations.

There is more to consider though. In most BDSM activities, there is more than one person involved. There is usually one "active" or "top", and one "passive" or "bottom". These roles may change in different instances. Someone who was a "top" in a flogging scene last night might be a "bottom" tonight, but the need to negotiate is just as important, no matter which end of the flogging you are on.

It is of utmost importance that when you engage in a BDSM activity you do so with someone you trust. You quite literally are entrusting someone with your life. Negotiating doesn't mean anything if the person you are negotiating with isn't keeping up their part of the deal. On the flip side, trust may entail knowing that someone will not claim an abusive encounter, rather than a mutual one, after your scene ends.

When negotiating what the parameters of your scene will be, it's important to consider which points are deal breakers for you; which activities you will absolutely not participate in; which activities you might consider cautiously, and which activities you avidly wish to experience. Take the negotiations seriously, because later on, when you find yourself tied up and gagged, it is going to be a bit difficult to discuss it.

We are human. We make mistakes. Someone might hit in the wrong place, for example. These are risks we acknowledge and accept when we choose to participate in BSDM activities.
If the person you are playing with doesn't have the integrity to stand by their deal, or their gratification is more important than your safety and concerns, there are two steps to take: NEVER, EVER play with that person again, and let others know.

In the beginning of the organized leather community (the Old Guard days), we were a very small group. We gathered in the shadows beneath the radar of those who would stop us from living as we would choose. Since there weren't that many, we all knew one another. Now, instead of having to gather in secret, we have contests. We have events where five thousand leather men descend upon a city, walk around in harnesses and chaps, and exhibit all types of fetish gear and behavior with pride.

It is beautiful that we find ourselves in a time and place where we can be proud of who and what we are, where tons of people show up and celebrate gay pride, or leather pride. It's wonderful that these things are truly a chance for all of us to share who we are and show that we are proud. However, when five thousand men descend upon a city, what are the chances you know all of them?

So, to get back to the point: If someone doesn't stick to the bargain, don't be afraid to speak up. You might literally be saving someone's life.

Hey, you don't have "The Don" to do it for you, so remember to practice the art of the deal.

Until next time, I remain, at your service,boy d aka Superboy.

boy derick is your 2008 Maryland Leather Boy. More details in his next column. Have any questions for boy d? eMail: PanzeeLeather@PanzeePress.com

Show Us Your Pride Tour

CCs in Sunbury PA hosted the Show Us Your Pride Tour to benefit the Pride Festival of Central PA, Saturday, April 19th.

Photography by Connie Wells

Panzee joins you in your gratitude and appreciation to these drag queens for volunteering all their time in preparing and performing for the benefit of our July 26th festival.

Performers:

DAME GLENDA
AURORA FONTAINE
LADY TABITHA
MEZRO
OCCLIVIA
CHYNNA BUFFET
ANGELICA HAIRETTA
TEQUILA DANIELS
SCARLET FEVA
ASHLEY LYNN
JOEY MORGAN
DAMIEN

This night at CC's raised over $700, bringing the total for the tour to over $3000.

by Christopher J. Kupchik
Executive Director, Caring Communities For AIDS

THE MYTH ABOUT HIV/AIDS

When it comes to HIV/AIDS information and prevention messages, many AIDS Service Organizations, ASOs, like to tout "just the facts, ma'am!" That's critical because there are so many myths that are still pervasive among the masses, and it's the job of an ASO or other community based organization working in HIV/AIDS to properly dispel misinformation about this virus.

Some people actually still think that you can get HIV from a toilet seat or from a water fountain. One of my personal favorites is that HIV can be transmitted from one person to another via a mosquito. That one always kills me! When people tell this to me, I respond by asking them to consider just how many people would actually be infected if insects could pass HIV. If this could happen, how many of us would ever attend an outdoor concert in the summer or ever go to another barbeque?

Clearly, since myths like these are still discussed and, amazingly, believed by many people, we must do everything we can to put these untruths to rest! We cannot allow people to run around saying that Magic Johnson is cured, or that AIDS is an absolute death sentence. To do so would be irresponsible.

Additionally, there are many myths that people who are infected with HIV believe, and they should not. These, too, must be dispelled. Consider these myths:

Myth #1: You can get HIV by hugging someone, drinking from the same glass as someone who has HIV or from a cough or a sneeze of an infected person. The truth is that you can only get HIV if you come in direct contact with blood, semen, breast milk, or vaginal fluid from an infected person. Spit, vomit, earwax, fingernails, toe jam, zit juice, feces, urine or any other bodily fluid that is typically excreted will not yield HIV transmission. If it does, then it contained blood, semen, breast milk or vaginal fluid from an infected person. If you'd like to learn more about the fluids that transmit, log on to thebody.com. It is a great source of information.

Myth #2: You can get HIV from a needle that is stuck to the seat in a movie theater or miraculously attached to the handle of a gas pump. According to thebody.com, there is no credible evidence that suggests such transmission has ever taken place or can actually do so. Keep in mind that HIV needs a human host to survive and cannot live very long outside of the human body. Dried blood may offer up other nasty stuff, but the chances of getting HIV in a manner described above is just about nil.

Myth #3: If you get HIV, it's no big deal because there are medications available to cure it. It's amazing that people - especially young people - believe this one, but they do. The fact is that HIV is not a curable disease, and while there are many good medicines available to combat this disease, they cannot rid your body of it. Once you're infected, you will always be infected. The medications, when taken properly, may help a person with HIV live to a normal life expectancy, but even with all the appropriate care in the world, an HIV positive person will likely die of an HIV related illness. Who knows what the future holds, but for now that's the way the ball bounces with this one.

Myth #4: I'm HIV positive, but my doctor said that my viral load is undetectable. Eureka! I'm cured and no longer have HIV!! Sorry to rain on your parade, but you're not cured. People who live with HIV will often get blood work to measure the amount of virus present in the blood. This is referred to as a viral load. Now a viral load may be undetectable, and that simply means that a person with HIV may have very few copies of the virus apparent to medical professionals. This is often because of the fact that a person with HIV takes anti-retroviral meds that can keep the virus at bay for a long time. The virus may not show up on technology currently available to measure the virus in the human body. It doesn't mean that it's not there. Again, once you're infected, there is no turning back.

Myth #5: I'm HIV positive so I can have all the bareback sex in the world because I can't get it again. Truth be told, an HIV positive person may get another strain of HIV that is different from their current strain. This may cause resistance to HIV drugs and limit your choices to defend yourself against HIV.

This list of myths could go on and on and on. Despite the fact that we're well into our third decade fighting HIV, it seems people will always believe some myths no matter what. You don't have to be one of these people! Know the facts and educate yourself about HIV/AIDS. This is also true for those of you who are HIV positive already. There are plenty of myths relating to you, too, in addition to the one listed above.

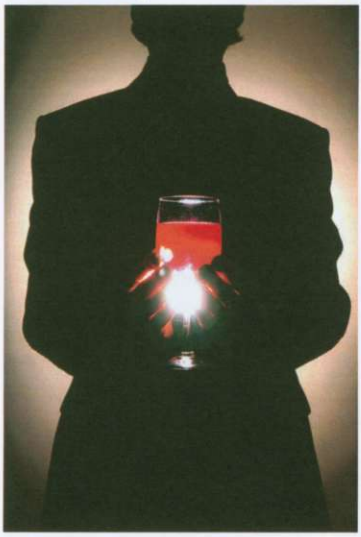
If you're not certain what's fact and what's fiction, contact your doctor, the CDC, or your local Dept of Health. You can also contact our offices at 570-752-5655 or your local AIDS Service Organization for more information.

CORKED! Unwinding with Wine and Charlie Miller -

"Wine is scary! I don't like wine! I don't understand why people think wine is so great!"

These are some of the comments I get most when I tell people I work at a Wine Bar. It never ceases to amaze me when people automatically assume they don't like wine. My very first question after the aforementioned comments is: What really good wine have you tried? When I moved back to Pennsylvania in September I was met with the same statement from my sister. Now, amazingly enough, my sister is a huge fan of a certain white wine varietal called Viognier. I assume most readers don't even know about this type of wine, but now my extremely naïve wine-drinking sister can actually talk about this fruity, complex and alluring wine as if it were her everyday choice of cocktail. Most people can't even name different wine varietals, let alone be expected to drink them, and most importantly, enjoy them! That's what I'm here for…

When I am introducing people to wine at Blue Bistro, where I work in Harrisburg, I ask them one of two questions: What do you want to taste, and what do you like to eat? A few simple answers later they are on their way to enjoying a great glass of wine that will not only make them think twice about wine in general, BUT will actually make their meal more enjoyable. To boot, it will give them a few conversation pieces to impress their next date.



When someone tells me they love steak but want a wine that is still fruity and full-bodied, I head right over to a Cabernet from South America. These big shouldered, fruit forward wines grace your senses with a lush taste that will marry well with a seared cut of beef. Another customer asks for a great white wine they can eat with a spicy appetizer they are sharing with friends at the bar. At this point I raise my wine glass and say one word: Prost (German for cheers), because we are heading over to Germany for a great Riesling-Kabinet that will tingle the mouth as you savor the spices lingering on your palette.

I would like to address a few wines that people enjoy, but I would like to point out are not exactly great beverage choices when trying to "open" yourself up to the world of wine. The first, and the one that makes me cringe the most, is White Zinfandel…it isn't wine, it's left over grape juice that has been fermented. It is too sweet and pairs with breakfast cereal better than actual food. Then there is Arbor Mist, and anything like it, which absolutely boggles my mind. There is no such thing as "peach wine" or "blueberry wine." Those "beverages" are fruit juice mixed with fermented grape juice, and they scare me, in fact! My last big don't when it comes to wine is: If it comes from a box, run the other way. Wine, good wine I should say, comes from a bottle. Boxed wine is cheap and will never give you the amount of pleasure that a bottle can accomplish.

One major issue people have with wine is the price. I can understand why people shy away from a great glass of wine when they walk into a restaurant and see the price per glass, let alone a bottle. The great thing about wine is that at the end of the day price is not equal to value or taste. Some of the best wines that I enjoy at my own apartment are wines that you can find at the liquor store for under $20 a bottle. If you go into what I call an "educated" eatery, and really grill your server or bartender as to selecting a great wine by the glass, one with an amazing bang-for-your-buck delivery, they will bend to your request and bring out a wine that will pair well with your meal, and make you feel as if your are on your way to really "getting" wine.

As a shameless plug for where I work, please stop by the **Blue Bistro and Wine Bar** located at 1313 North Second Street in Harrisburg, and ask to see Charlie. Just mention that you saw this article, and I promise that I will personally sit down and spend some time exposing you to the wonderful world of wine that has so captivated millions of Americans already.

Prost until next time!

The Body Impolitic

By Cecil J. Brooks

Hillary Rosé is an amusing Pennsylvania varietal, vintage Tuesday. Excessively sweet, with subtly overwhelming notes of bitter alkaloids that cling to the palate. The oenophiles in the Republican Party are savoring the bouquet of this inexpensive find in the racks of Pennsylvania's Wine and Spirits Shoppes. But oh, for something with more body and color! And substance. A harmonious blending of flavors with a liberal exuberance of floral notes and a hint of pepper would tease my taste buds just now, rather than the acrid burn of vinegar. This is a wine that has been aged in a hot attic rather than a cool cellar.

As I write this on the Wednesday afternoon after the state primary, the Pennsylvania Department of State reports "unofficially" on it's official website that 9,212 out of 9,264 districts (99.44%) reports that Hillary Clinton received 1,237,696 votes (54.6%) to Barack Obama's 1,029,672 votes (45.4%). By a curious bit of journalistic mathematical precision, this rounds to a 10% lead for Clinton. Get it? That 54.6 rounds up to 55 and 45.4 rounds down to 45, so while the difference between 54.6 and 45.4 is 9.2, which rounds down to 9, nonetheless, Clinton has done it—she got a double digit lead! Clearly this must mean that she is still a viable candidate to be a candidate. And John McCain pops another cork from a bottle of bubbly.

Hillary's techniques of viticulture resembles the scorched earth policy of ancient warfare . . . sow the soil with salt and poison the wells with horse carcasses so no one can return to their homes and make more wine after the battle is over. Like the Greeks fighting among themselves before the Macedonians crushed them, the Democrats are throwing away, once again, a heaven sent opportunity to win.

So okay, how it was. George Bush the First went to war against Iraq to secure our—or should I say, "our"—access to cheap Kuwaiti oil. The U.S. economy staggered a bit, and he lost reelection despite waging a short and spectacularly effective war, with very little loss of American lives and a lot of international prestige acquired. A decade later George II went to war in Iraq, ignoring every good example of states-craft and war-craft his father set for him, killing thousands of brave and expensively trained young Americans and tens of thousands of foreign bystanders, destroying our country's international prestige, cratering the economy, recruiting legions of enemies, and driving the price of oil into the stratosphere. In between the Bushes, we had the Clintons giving Democrats the illusion of winning by co-opting the Republican playbook, instituting Reganomics on a grand scale, losing control of both houses of Congress to the GOP, getting impeached and generally acting like . . . well, I'm sure you read the Starr Report. The only thing Democrat about Bill Clinton is that his sex scandals were heterosexual, while in recent decades Republican sex scandals tend to be homosexual . . . which explains the Log Cabin Republicans.

The Clintons insist they should have a second go-around. And if we won't give it to them, then they will insure that a registered Republican will win.

Richard Scaife, scion of the Mellon fortune and billionaire publisher of the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, devoted millions of dollars during the first two Clinton administrations trying to prove that the Clintons were Satan's chosen couple—even accusing them of a long list of murders. But this year, during Hillary's Pennsylvania primary run, he donated money to her campaign and his paper actually endorsed her. Why? Obviously, to sabotage the black man who just might actually win and change things.

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HIV/AIDS:
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Reading Railmen
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TransCentralPA
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COMMUNITY

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Center.org

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Pennsylvania: South Central

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Stonewall Dmcrats
CapitalStonewall.org

BUSINESS
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Thu May 1
Brownstone
8:00 PM Weekly
Trivia
Liquid 891
8:00 PM Weekly
Bingo
Strawberry
9:30 PM Weekly
Karaoke
Club XS
Weekly
College Night
18 and over
MCCotS
7:00 PM Weekly
Praise Team
MCCotS
Weekly
Prayer Group
Home of
Fern & Laura

Fri May 2
Club XS
6:00 PM
Black & White Party
with RuPaul
Blue Bistro
8:00 PM
Performer
Karendra Devroop
Altland's Ranch
1stWeek
Crountry
Line Dancing
CmmnRds Hbg
7:00 PM
Equality Forum
CmmnRds Lanc.
7:00 PM
Coffeehouse
Lambda AA
8:00 PM Weekly
Meeting

Sat May 3
Liquid
9:00 PM
Live Band
Zero Gravity
Stallions
Weekly
Ladies Night
in Twin Peaks Bar
UCH
9:00 AM
Explore UCH
VOH-MCC
9:30 AM
LTS Youth Event
TransCentralPA
4:00 PM
Dr. Cerise
Richards: Brian
Gender Identity
TransCentralPA
8:00 PM
Group Meeting

Sun May 4
Liquid 891
11:00 AM Weekly
Brunch
Club XS
4:00 PM 1stWeek
Ladies Tea Dance
Drag King Contest
Free Food, Pool
Club XS
10:00 PM Weekly
Karaoke
Free Pool
Stallions
10:00 PM
Ashley's B-Day
Drag Show
Stallions
Weekly
All Age Dance
UCH
9:15 AM Weekly
Service
9:15am, 11:00 am
VOH-MCC
5:00 PM 1stWeek
Men's Group
MCCotS
Weekly
Service
9am, 10:30 am, 7pm
VOH-MCC
Weekly
Sunday worship
9:00 am & 11:00 am
HBG Mens Chorus
7:00 PM Weekly
Rehearsal
Unitarian Church
of Harrisburg

Sun May 4 cont.
Reading Pride
3:00 PM
An Evening at the
Stirling Mansion
Brian Gibson
1120 Centre Ave
Reading, PA
Common Roads
9:00 AM
Equality Forum
Road Trip to Phily

Mon May 5
Rally to
Oppose Senate
Bill 1250
Hbg Capital Buildng
Rotunda 1:00p
Club XS
9:00 PM Weekly
Trivia Night
Neptune's
Weekly
Free Buffet
Lambda AA
8:00 PM Weekly
Meeting
Central PA
7:00 PM Weekly
Womyn's Chorus
Rehearsal
Colonial Park
UCC
Reading Pride
7:00 PM
Planning Meeting
Canal St. Pub

Tue May 6
Stallions
9:00 PM Weekly
Trivia
Red Star
10:00 PM Weekly
Trivia
Brownstone
Weekly
Free Darts
MCCotS
7:00 PM Weekly
Choir Rehearsal
VOH-MCC
7:00 PM Weekly
Joyful Noise Choir

Wed May 7
Strawberry
7:30 PM Weekly
Bingo
Stallions
9:00 PM Weekly
Karaoke

Wed May 7 cont.
Red Star
10:00 PM Weekly
Trivia
Brownstone
Weekly
Free Pool
Club XS
Weekly
Cash Bingo
Neptune's
Weekly
Free Buffet
MCCotS
7:00 PM Weekly
Bible Study
Volley Ball
7:00 PM Weekly
Volley Ball $3
VOH-MCC
6:00 PM 1stWeek
HIV/AIDS
Support Group

Thu May 8
Brownstone
8:00 PM Weekly
Trivia
Liquid 891
8:00 PM Weekly
Bingo
Strawberry
9:30 PM Weekly
Karaoke
Club XS
Weekly
College Night
18 and over
MCCotS
6:00 PM 2ndWeek
Grief/Loss Support
MCCotS
7:00 PM Weekly
Praise Team
MCCotS Weekly
Prayer Group
Home of
Fern & Laura

Fri May 9
Blue Bistro
8:00 PM 2ndWeek
Karendra Devroop
Altland's Ranch
2ndWeek
Beer & Free Pizza
Club XS
Leathermn&Bears
CmmnRds Hbg
7:00 PM
Mothers Day craft
CmmnRds Lanc.
7:00 PM
Craft Night

Thu May 9 cont.
Liquid
10:00 PM
Entertainer of the
Year
Lambda AA
8:00 PM Weekly
Meeting

Sat May 10
Blue Bistro
8:00 PM 2ndWeek
Vexology
Stallions
Weekly
Ladies Night
in Twin Peaks Bar
UCH
9:00 AM
Join UCH
3.12
6:00 PM
New Orlns Benef
Concert
MCC of the Spirit
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6:00 PM
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@Neptune's
Leather Fetish Club

Sun May 11
Liquid 891
11:00 AM Weekly
Brunch
Liquid
8:00 PM
Mother's Day
Night of Comedy
Sonya King
Heather Height
Kenny Michaels
Club XS
10:00 PM Weekly
Karaoke Free Pool
Stallions
Weekly
All Age Dance
Brownstone
2ndWeek
Birthday Buffet
UCH
9:15 AM Weekly
Service
9:15am, 11:00 am
VOH-MCC
12:00 PM 2ndWeek
Jubilation
Praise Team
MCCotS
Weekly
Service
9am, 10:30 am, 7pm

Pennsylvania: Lehigh Valley

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GLOSS
7:00 PM Weekly Volleyball
Catasauqua Park

GLOSS
7:30 PM Weekly Racquetball
@LV Racquet & Ftn
6th and Union sts.

Sat May 3

GLOSS
8:00 AM Weekly Racquetball
@LV Racquet & Ftn
6th and Union sts.

HAVEN
7:00 PM
Prism Prom

Sun May 4

MCCLV
9:00 AM Weekly Men's Breakfast
Perkins on Lehight St Allentwn

MCCLV
10:30 AM Weekly Sunday Service
10:30 am, 6:00 pm
Choir Practice After Service

MCCLV
1stWeek Property Cmmittee

MCCLV
Walk MS
Allentown Rose Garden

GLOSS
5:00 PM Weekly Tennis
Muhlenberg Collg
22nd & Turner Sts.
Allentown

Wed May 7

MCCLV
7:00 PM Weekly Tejes Women's

HAVEN
7:00 PM Weekly
Meet at UUCLV

Thu May 8

GLOSS
7:00 PM Weekly Volleyball
Catasauqua Park

GLOSS
7:30 PM Weekly Racquetball
@LV Racquet & Ftn
6th and Union sts.

Fri May 9

GLOSS
8:45 PM 2ndWeek Bowling
@Playdrome
15th St.& Summer
Allentown

TakeoverLV
@Drinkys in Easton

Sat May 10

GLOSS
8:00 AM Weekly Racquetball
@LV Racquet & Ftn
6th and Union sts.

Sun May 11

MCCLV
9:00 AM Weekly Men's Breakfast
Perkins on Lehight St Allentwn

MCCLV
10:30 AM Weekly Sunday Service
10:30 am, 6:00 pm
Choir Practice After Service

GLOSS
5:00 PM Weekly Tennis
Muhlenberg Collg
22nd & Turner Sts.
Allentown

Mon May 12

MCCLV
7:00 PM 2ndWeek Board Meeting

Tue May 13

Stonewall
10:00 PM
Strange Love 18+
80's Newwave
Jello Wrestling PT2

Wed May 14

MCCLV
7:00 PM Weekly Tejes Women's

FACT
7:00 PM 2ndWeek Fundraising Meeting

HAVEN
7:00 PM Weekly
Meet at UUCLV

Thu May 15

GLOSS
7:00 PM Weekly Volleyball
Catasauqua Park

Thu May 15 Cont.

GLOSS
7:30 PM Weekly Racquetball
@LV Racquet & Ftn
6th and Union sts.

Fri May 16

MCCLV
8:00 PM
New Theater Co.
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Sat May 17

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8:00 PM
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Wed May 7
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Deb Bixler

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Deb Bixler, a trained chef, specializes in teaching people how to live healthy through lifestyles choices. As a speaker, coach and educator she brings wellness programs to families, corporations, schools, and organizations. The "Six Weeks To The New You" program is a system of weight loss that will work for everyone.

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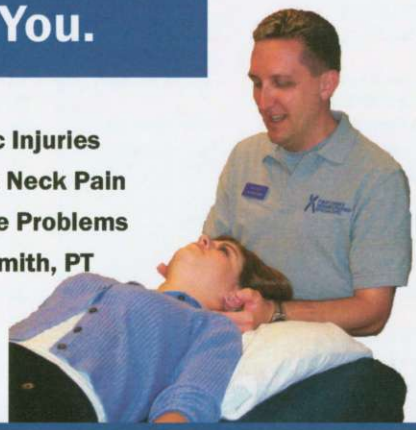

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Gayly Forward

"When Giving It To You Straight Just Won't Do"

Is it possible to turn lesbians into straight girls? I just feel so bad about them and I wish they were straight. Why don't they fancy boys or men, or even good-looking celebrities like Orlando Bloom, Leonardo DiCaprio, Chad Michael Murray, Justin Timberlake, etc? I just don't understand???? Has there been a cure yet?? You might think I'm mad but I just feel really sorry for them. I know it's the same thing as gay guys, but I'm just feeling very concerned. I wonder if we will be able to find a way to turn them straight, or can't it be done??
— Danno O

Oh, my, my, my, my, my (replete with synchronized head and finger wagging). What kind of a question have we found ourselves with today? You say so much, in such a short space. I just don't know where to begin.

Okay, I'll dive in, as Gayly Forward never met a question she couldn't answer.

Is it possible to turn you into an interesting, tactful, mindful, and intelligent creature? More than likely, no, or at least as likely as turning a lesbian into a straight girl. What do you think, you wave your magic parts, and *poof*, straight they become? My dear, sexuality is what it is. Sexual identity is what it is. There will be no turning here. Only the lesbian herself gets to decide who and what she is. Yeesh!

So, you feel bad about them? My guess is that they don't feel so good about you either. You wish they were straight. Keep right on wishing, bucko, but keep the pity-party at home. Lesbians neither want it nor need it.

Why don't they fancy boys or men, or even good-looking celebrities? What part of "they are lesbians" did you miss in this equation? What part of "lesbians like women" zoomed past your intellectual radar undetected? And, just to let you know how much of your ignorance is showing, some lesbians do find men attractive, they just aren't attracted to them. However, I can see how you might not understand. It takes a working mind to follow trains of thought, and, well, you're lacking.

About that cure...I didn't know lesbians were ill. It's been many years since the medical community decided that being homosexual wasn't a mental illness. You really should keep up on your disorders if you're going to hope for a cure. Is there a cure for stupidity yet? Alas, none is available. Damn.

Ok, we're now up to my favorite part of your question...you know it's the same thing as gay guys, but you're concerned. What?!? Let me see if I have this right...some part of you realizes that it's okay to be a gay guy, but not a lesbian? You don't feel sorry for them, or wish for a cure, or lack some vital understanding of whom and what constitutes a gay man, but you reserve all of that, that, (sounds of spitting and sputtering going on here) that crap, for lesbians?? At this point in time Gayly Forward is almost sorry she decided to answer your question. But not quite...

Danno O, my boy, the pipes indeed are calling you, to a place of understanding and acceptance. All good people get to choose how they live their lives. GF feels that sexual preference is not chosen, but living out that preference is. No one, not straights, bisexuals, asexuals, gay men, and especially lesbians, needs to be cured. No one needs or wants pity, sympathy, empathy, or pathos for their life. Turn away from the things you cannot change, spend your time and energy focusing on the things you can change, and, for heaven's sake, please get a clue about the difference.

G.F.

...STAR POEM....

I sat

so apparently still;

my posture no different

had the moment prior

been less serendipitous.

I thought

so dazzlingly frantic;

my images vast and new

from the moment prior

being so unexpected.

I watched

so steadfastly still;

the speeding train

stretching the lines

as the moment prior

moved further away.

I learned

so luminously bright;

the picture of the moment

snapping my mind to clarity

as the rhythm soothed

and cleared my turmoil.

I walked

so bouncingly light;

without expectation –

without fear –

my love revealed

and reveled.

-Philip

Vision of Hope Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)

Vision of Hope Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) is a place where everyone is welcomed. We don't debate, or simply tolerate, as we celebrate Jesus and who we are as GLBT people. Founded in 1980, Vision of Hope MCC is an evangelical, Christ-centered community of faith. We are committed to bringing the "Good News" of God's grace and love to all of God's children. Worship is a defining moment in the life of our church. We are a diverse people and our worship is no less diverse than we. , Every time we come together we come expecting to encounter the living, holy God. Our worship style is contemporary, high energy and full of praise music.

Our Vision Statement is "Led by Christ, empowered to Rock the World!" Our Senior Pastor is Rev. Deb Coggin. We also have Rev. Jen Glass on staff, as the Rock the World Ministries Leader.

We are very excited about having the opportunity to write and share some thoughts on Christian spirituality. It is our hope that we will encourage you on your journey with God.

Reverend Deb Coggin: I am the lead pastor at VOHMCC. In the Christian and GLBT world, I would be referred to as a late bloomer. I had my first transforming faith experience at the age of 28 and my first lesbian encounter at the age of 30. To say that my life has never been the same would be an understatement. If someone had told me that I would someday be a pastor of a GLBT church in Lancaster County, PA, I would have thought him or her very strange. And today, I love it. I love being a pastor in a growing faith community and I love being a lesbian, even in conservative PA. My greatest joy is to share the good news God has for everyone. God desires that no one be excluded from the table, and that includes you and me. I was born and raised in Virginia, and lived all around the state – Richmond, Virginia Beach, and Northern Virginia - until I graduated from Wesley Seminary and moved 8 years ago to Lancaster, PA.

Rev. Jen Glass: I am one of the pastors on staff at VOHMCC. I was ordained in October of 2006, and have only been attending MCC for the last 5 years. I grew up Roman Catholic and I never imagined that I would leave "The Church." Growing up I always knew that I was different, however, I had no idea I was queer. I also had no intention of being ordained. I am so glad that God had other plans for me!

When I was in college I became involved in our Campus Ministry, especially in leading retreats and outreach ministry. After I graduated, I did a year of missionary work in the Dominican Republic. It was during that year that I knew God was calling me to serve and to do God's work in the world.

I consider myself blessed because my relationship with God has been unbroken, even if not always perfect. In fact, when I came out, it was my relationship with God that got me through. I didn't worry about whether or not God loved me, which I knew without a doubt. I was concerned with what other people would say.

I graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary with a Masters of Divinity degree in 2005. I also earned a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Ministry from Boston College in 1997. My partner Maria and I share our home with 8 of God's creatures: 3 dogs and 5 cats. I like music, movies, books and baseball. Among my favorite things to do is to hang out with my nieces and my friends.

In our pastoral experience, one of the things we find disheartening is the way that the Bible is used against our community, when there really is no justification for it. When one begins to look at the bible and homosexuality, there are some important things to know. First, there are over 32,000 verses in the bible, and only 7 are assumed to deal with homosexuality. That means that the issue of homosexuality in the bible is about .0001%. It's not much to worry about if you ask us.

The term homosexual or homosexuality is a relatively contemporary term. The word homosexual does not have an equivalent in Hebrew or ancient Greek. In 1869, Karoly M. Benkert, a Hungarian writer, who used it to define male or female individuals who from birth are erotically oriented towards their own sex, first used the term in German. The Oxford English Dictionary says, in 1912, the word was first used in English. The earliest use in a bible was in 1946, with the publication of the first edition of the Revised Standard Version. Pastor Deb personally finds it difficult to believe that if homosexuality were such a big sin, Jesus would have at least made some reference to the issue during his ministry.

The story of Sodom and Gomorrah, as in Genesis 19, is often reviewed when considered homosexuality and the bible. Rev. Jen knows that story isn't even about homosexuality. It's about rape. Just look at the parallel story in Judges 19. Talk about cross-references – just let the Bible interpret itself. The Prophet Ezekiel and even Jesus claim that the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah is mostly inhospitality, among other things, not sexuality (Ezekiel 16:49-50 and Matthew 10:11-15).

Both of us pastors, Reverend Deb Coggin and Reverend Jen Glass, enjoy talking about the Bible. We also enjoy being in conversation with people. If you have any questions you might like to ask us or further comments you would like to make, we invite you to be in touch with us. You can reach us at **pastor@visionofhopemcc.org**. In fact, we are looking to use a response to a question or two for a future article. Thanks!

Reading's "Theoretically"

The following article contains the personal thoughts of Daniel Kincade. The feelings, ideas, and opinions stated herein may not reflect those of the Panzee Press or any of its affiliates.

Hello everyone and welcome to another fun and informative installment of the Panzee gossip column that everyone in Reading reads first…Theoretically.

We had A LOT of fun at the benefit date auction for Reading Pride on March 29th at the Red Star. There were all sorts of eligible bachelors and bachelorettes up for bid that night. Personally I think "Felix" should have gone for ALOT more, but who am I to say? Too bad it wasn't a pay week for Daniel! There was lots of money raised that night for an event that I think was even bigger and better than last year's!! Theoretically.

Keep your eyes on the Reading Pride Celebration's website www.readingpridecelebration.com for upcoming news about this exciting event.

April has been a fun month so far! April 12th was a huge drag night in the Reading Area and beyond.

From what I have heard, there was quite the commotion at Whitley's Red Star Show over a certain "little angel." I am really sorry that I missed this show! In my experience, most little angels are usually hiding a BIG horn in their pants…Theoretically.

Miss Drag All-Star's first Pennsylvania Preliminary took place at Twist in Wilkes-Barre Pennsylvania on the same night, April 12th. Congrats to Star, the newly crowned MDAS Wilkes-Barre! I may be a biased source, but it really was an awesome night. The guys at Twist are the greatest! I mean there's a fabulous staff, Nik the bartender makes some kick-ass drinks, and you want to talk about hot boys?! Ok, enough of that, back to the dirt. Rumor has it that the crowned prince of "Reading's self crowned royal family" was a little drunk on the evening in question. Apparently he was all over someone that wasn't even his husband!!! I smell a scandal! Anyway, it seems to me that you can change your name any which way you want, but things always remain a Kane…I mean the same. …Theoretically.

I am very excited about the upcoming Miss Drag All-Star Northeast Pageant! This event will be held at the Fabulous Twist in Wilkes-Barre on May 24th. Mark your calendars for what will truly be a fun and entertaining night. Poison will be among those entertaining that night and a certain "Editor in Chief" will be among the judges on hand!

Here's some gossip from the rumor mill…

I have heard rumors that a certain queen with the initials A.K. might be considering a run for a title in the near future. Remember kids, I don't make these things up, I just print them!…Theoretically.

Rumor also has it that there were fireworks at The Red Star on April 26th. Apparently a certain "Diva Extraterrestrial"…I mean Extraordinaire made some very harsh comments on the internet about Geri, The Red Star's Bar Manager. As a result, she's no longer allowed to perform at The Red Star. She's always wanted bragging rights, and now she can definitely say that she has accomplished something that no other queen has…being barred from the Red Star's stage…theoretically.

Well kids, that's all for this time. I'll be back soon with another pile of dirt for you to sift through. Who knows, maybe next time I'll be writing about you!

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I Can Report....

Gossip from the Lehigh Valley
By Kitty-Mame Dietrich

Greetings readers! Long time, no dish! I'm sorry to have left you hanging for so long, but I was caught up in such a whirlwind of photo shoots and writing for the last issue's cover story, that the dirt just got swept aside, and now March is past and has given way to some glorious April weather! My spring fever has been assuaged, and now it's time to get to my spring planting, but before I go dig in the dirt I simply must dish some.

As I'm sure you all already know, the AIDS fundraising event of the year, Sisterhood, was held on Sunday, April 6th, and, of course, when you have any event that involves scads of drag queens there is bound to be some drama. So, too, was the case for this event. I can report that in the preparations for the opening number of the evening, a few of the forever-warring former Miss Diamondzs took each other to the carpet in what shall henceforth be referred to as the "War of the White Gowns." Each one tried to out-do the other, making what was intended to be a touching opening number into yet another episode of drag queen one-upsmanship. Maybe this was the inspiration for the Stonewall's newest event addition of Jell-O wrestling? Reportedly, too, this opening number was held up by a certain cha-cha palace diva, who, though she arrived early to get ready, still wasn't by the time the show was scheduled to start. And I know it wasn't because she had trouble getting into her white creation, since it's appeared MANY times before.

I can also report that a few Saturdays hence, a certain "dame" lived the famous words "melts in your mouth, not in your hands"...at least as far as I could judge with all the tongue action that was going on... with a big, black, beautiful buck bar-side at the Stonewall. Though the consensus of the medical community is that dark chocolate is good for the heart, this "dame" better watch, because the resulting excitement may lead to stroking, but could still cause a stroke.

I can report that a "poultry patron" of the Stonewall must have over-exerted himself, or maybe just over-imbibed on a few Thursdays of late, which subsequently resulted in some quite a long naps on the Moose Lounge sofas. This "butterball" better beware though, because being unconscious at the Stonewall could result in one's cavity getting stuffed with something other than Stovetop.

Also, the Don (San) Juan of the Stonewall was out stag on a recent Saturday night, and was seen trying to romance a teetering twink into going home with him at bar close. What's the old adage...when the boyfriend's away the mice will try to replace him with the first available piece of ass?

In the same vein, a "friendly" bouncing bartender was found missing from his station on a recent Thursday night and found to be "socializing" with an underage Pump-night patron in, of all places, the men's restroom. Though his appearance and demeanor might lead some to think he was consorting with a peer, his birth certificate would belie that assumption. I hope he read the "employees must wash hands" sign before he resumed his duties!

It is reported that a slimmed-down Daddy recently returned from a two-week whirlwind vacation, on which he was accompanied by the Stonewall's "it" boy. Reportedly, lady luck was on his side in Nevada and resulted in some "cash flashing" and the purchase of a quite pricey new piece of bling on the Mexican Riviera. Congrats honey, and keep in mind that this performer will never turn up her nose at a fifty or a hundred offered as a tip! Oh, and gifts of Manolos, furs, and jewelry will be graciously accepted, as well.

I can report that there has been quite a Puerto Rican Drag Queen Diaspora from the area within recent weeks. Three Puerto Rican pretties departed for a new start in sunshine-soaked Orlando, and the preliminary moving preparations resulted in one of them being blacklisted from a certain pageant system, of which she is a former, due to the resulting breach of commitments previously made. I'm sure this comes as no big blow to this flimsy former, considering that, even as the reigning diva, she refused to wear her crown for most of the year, due to the fact that it was "too small." Could it be, Mama, that the swelled head just made it seem smaller?

Well, that's it for now, and don't worry, once I start my spring planting, I'll be sure to save the good dirt just for you! So, for now....
Love you all more than my Manolos!

-Kitty

The Happenings In Harrisburg...

..."Allegedly"...

I'm Back... Did you miss me?

I hope you did, but I will say the other gossip girls have been doing an OK job at keeping you abreast...

Well, let's get started... I can report that a very beautiful, talented, yummy looking, fabulous Diva recently celebrated her 43rd birthday on Easter Sunday, as well as a special anniversary... She was seen a bit liquored up at the local drinkeries. On that very evening, the 11:00 news told of an abundance of "Gravy" on the beaches of "Key West"... the same weekend... allegedly.

Please keep a look out for the new national Jenny Craig commercial...it has been rumored that a girl "who travels between here and Baltimore" has signed a deal to be their spokes person..."bottoms up"... allegedly.

Speaking of Baltimore... congratulation go out to Akasha Cassanine, who gave up the title of Miss Maryland America... you had a fabulous year, and I am so glad I got to know you. You are a great lady, as well as a great talent…confirmed.

And the winner is.... Miss Maryland 2008 is Tatyana Vochi, and her first alternate is Sue Nami! May I also say I am so glad I was not a judge. It was very tough for me, as a spectator, to decide between the two of them... I am jealous of their talents, and their gowns were fabulous... Good luck to both of you on your journey to Miss America…definitely.

I can report that the Brownstone is going through some major remodeling... they are turning the bar into a trailer park... Yup, you read it hear first... Miss Karen is having their annual trailer trash show... be sure to stop out and see all the diva's from Butcher Holler... allegedly

Good news, Brad Powers is making his long awaited return to tending bar... He might be a little slow at first. I told him to wear his free spirit pumps while playing volley ball and that messed up ankle would never have happened... Allegedly.

Also crippled, our very own boy with boobs... unfortunately she/he will be stuck in that wrist cast for a few more weeks... don't get all liquored up and start fighting with Toyota Corollas... The Toyota always wins.

I have sooooo much to tell you all but it will have to wait 'till next time my little gossip junkies... But always remember...
Kiss, kiss... but don't smudge my lipstick,

Ms. Biscuit.

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Lancaster	Characters Pub
Lancaster	Showdown Lounge
Lancaster	Tally Ho
Manheim	Daug Haus
Reading	Red Star
Spring Grove	Ranch
York	XS

Spiritual

Harrisburg	MCC
Harrisburg	Unitarian Church
Lancaster	Universalist Church of Lanc.
Mountville	MCC Vision of Hope

Community

Harrisburg	AIDS Community Alliance
Harrisburg	G&L Chamber of Commerce
Harrisburg	Pride Festival of Central PA
Harrisburg	Pride Parade of Central PA
Harrisburg	The Foundation for Ehancing Communities
Lancaster	Rainbow Rose Community

Music, Art & Theater

Harrisburg	Art Association of Harrisburg
Harrisburg	Central PA Womyn's Chorus
Harrisburg	Harrisburg Men's Chorus
Harrisburg	Midtown Cinema

Student

Harrisburg	Common Roads
Harrisburg	HACC Allies
Reading	Alvania GSA
Shippensburg	S.A.L.E

Restaurants/Coffee Shops

Harrisburg	Roxi
Harrisburg	Sandwichman
Lancaster	Dosie Dough
Lancaster	Square One Coffee

Hair & Body Salons

Harrisburg	C&K Classic Cuts
Harrisburg	Orbit Salon
Harrisburg	Tindell's Hair Spa
Harrisburg	Totally Clips

Shops

Camp Hill	Pazazz
Harrisburg	Bingo Parlor
Harrisburg	Border's Book Store
Harrisburg	Broad Street Market
Harrisburg	Hot Tops
Harrisburg	The Bare Wall
Lancaster	Rainbow Pet Creations
Lemoyne	Paper Lion

Hotels

Harrisburg	Best Western
Harrisburg	Comfort Inn
Harrisburg	Days Inn
Harrisburg	Econo Lodge
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Harrisburg	Hilton
Harrisburg	Holiday Inn
Harrisburg	Marriott
Harrisburg	Red Roof Inn
Harrisburg	Shariton
Harrisburg	Travel Lodge

Apartment Buildings

Harrisburg	Grayco

North Central Pennsylvania

Bars/Clubs

Altoona	Escapade
Altoona	Rumors
State College	Chumley's
Sunbury	CCs
Williamsport	Club Z

Shops

State College	George's Floral Boutique

Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania

Bars/Clubs

Allentown	Conrad: Stonewall
Bethlehem	Diamonz

Spiritual

Allentown	MCCLV

Community

Lehigh Valley	PA Diversity Network

Music, Art & Theater

Allentown	Civic Theatre
Bethlehem	Cleo's Silversmith Studio
Lehigh Valley	Lehigh Valley Men's Chorus

Social

Lehigh Valley	Takeover Lehigh Valley

Salon

Whitehall	Michael Christopher Salon

Shops

Bethlehem	Comfort & Joy
Bethlehem	Fox Optical
Bethlehem	Home & Planet
Bethlehem	Popmart

North East Pennsylvania

Bars/Clubs

EdwardsVille	Michael's Lounge
Moosic	12 Penny
Pottsville	Rumors
Wilkes-Barre	Twist

Community Service

Berwick	Caring Communities for AIDS
Kingston	Rainbow Alliance

Social

Wilkes-Barre	Pride of Northeast PA

West Maryland

Bars/Clubs

Boonsboro	Deer Park Lodge

Spiritual

Hagerstown	New Light MCC

Music, Art & Theater

Hagerstown	Maryland Theater

Restaurants/Coffee Shops

Hagerstown	The Gourmet Goat

Shops

Hagerstown	Rainbow Connection

Social (distributed to above points)

Hagerstown	Community Triangle
Hagerstown	Hagerstown TGs
Martinsburg	Out For Fun
Hagerstown	Tini Lounge Happy Hours

Community Service

Hagerstown	Positive Influence
Hagerstown	Alcoholics Anonymous
Hagerstown	New Image
Hagerstown	Live and Let Live (AA)

Philadelphia

Bars/Clubs

12th Air Command
Bike Stop
Bump
Key West
L'Etage
Pure
Sisters
Tavern On Camac
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Westbury
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Community

Equality Advocates
William Way LGBT

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Baltimore, Maryland

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Grand Central
Hippo
Jay's on Read St.
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Phoenix
Quest
Rowan Tree
PW's Sports Bar & Grill

Social Services

Gay & Lesbian Community Center

Restaurants / Coffee Shops

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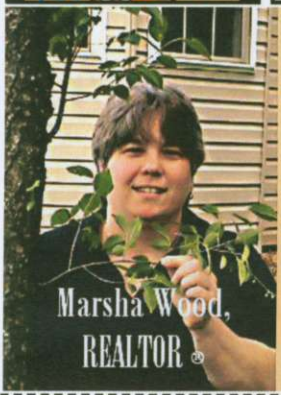

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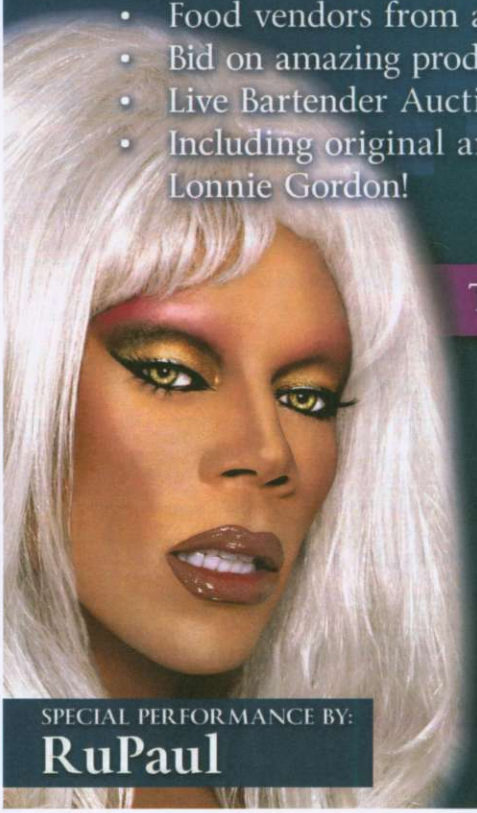

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